

Capsule Summary
SM-497
Sotterly Schoolhouse
Hollywood
Private

Circa 1907

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St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870 - 1930.

Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type

Category: Structure

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: School

Known Design Source: none

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. **SM-497**

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Black Gate School

and/or common Sotterley Schoolhouse (pref.)

2. Location

street & number Sotterley Gate Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Hollywood ☒ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Frank A. Marquart and Renee C. Schirgeck

street & number 476 Steerhorn Neck Road telephone no.: (301) 373-4822

city, town Hollywood state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber EWA 696

street & number folio 445

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

Sotterly Schoolhouse is located on the southeast corner of Steerhorn Neck Road and Sotterly Gate Road near Hollywood in St. Mary's County, Maryland. The school is perched on a wooded hill that rises steeply above Sotterly Gate Road. There are two outbuildings on the property. The school faces north with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1907, Sotterly Schoolhouse is supported by a continuous brick foundation and is sheathed with weatherboard siding. The roof is covered with corrugated metal covered with tar.

The north (main) elevation, originally the location of the main entrance door, is pierced by two replacement six-over-six sash windows. The eave is pierced by an octagonal window.

The west elevation is pierced by four original six-over-six sash windows with wide surrounds. These surrounds have an interior bead and are crowned with a simple drip molding.

The south elevation is pierced by a six-panel door and a six-over-six sash window. The door opens onto a wood deck and is sheltered by a gable roof portico. An octagonal window pierces the eave.

The east elevation is pierced by three original six-over-six sash windows and a modern six-panel door. This door, now the main entrance, is sheltered by a gable roof portico like that on the south elevation.

The interior has been reworked with the addition of a livable loft space and the addition of partition walls on the first floor. Photographs of the interior show that the school originally had twelve-foot ceilings sheathed with wainscoting while the longitudinal walls were covered with plaster. The gable ends of the interior were sheathed with wainscoting laid diagonally.

The largest of the two outbuildings on the property is a one-story, gable roof structure which serves as a photography studio for the current owner. The studio was built in 1993 and is located southeast of the main block. The second outbuilding is a small storage shed.

Also located on the property is an eighteenth or nineteenth century stone boundary marker with the inscription "T.B. No. 3, The Name Boundary of Sotterley."

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates ☐ Unknown Builder/Architect ☐ Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .59Quadrangle name HollywoodQuadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting							Northing	

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Zone	Easting							Northing	

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Same acreage as per deed reference.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, Historic Sites Surveyororganization St. Mary's County Planning & Zoningdate April 1995street & number 328 Washington Streettelephone (301) 475-4662city or town Leonardtownstate Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: Frank A. Marquart and Renee C. Schingeck
FROM: James Roy Hopkins
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber EWA 696, folio 445.
DATE: July 23, 1992
NOTES: Transfer of .59 acres.

TO: James Roy Hopkins
FROM: Charles F. Nalen and Margaret M. (Stevenson) Nalen
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 91, folio 207.
DATE: January 7, 1981.
NOTES: Transfer of 1 8/100s acres.

TO: Charles F. Nalen and Margaret M. Stevenson
FROM: Emma E. Norris
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber DBK 187, folio 94.
DATE: March 6, 1973
NOTES: Transfer of 1 8/100s acres.

TO: N. Aloysius Norris and Emma E. Norris
FROM: Charles H. Knott Sr., India L. Knott, and First National Bank of St. Mary's.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 74, folio 157.
DATE: April 29, 1958.
NOTES: Transfer of a portion of "Sotterly" and being also known as "The Sotterly Schoolhouse Lot."

TO: Charles H. Knott Sr. and India L. Knott
FROM: Mabel S. Ingalls of New York City
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 37, folio 22.
DATE: May 8, 1952.
NOTES: Transfer of 1 8/100s acres being a portion of "Sotterly."

TO: Mabel Satterlee Ingalls
FROM: Huger W. Jerrey, executor of Herbert L. Satterlee
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 24, folio 57.
DATE: October 15, 1948.
NOTES: Transfer of a portion of "Sotterly."

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8.2 Significance

TO: Herbert L. Satterlee of New York

FROM: J. Douglas Cashner of Arnold, MD.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 9, folio 498.

DATE: June 25, 1936.

NOTES: Transfer of a part of Sotterley being 1 8/100s acres. This is a confirmatory deed for the property which is now abandoned.

TO: Board of County Commissioners

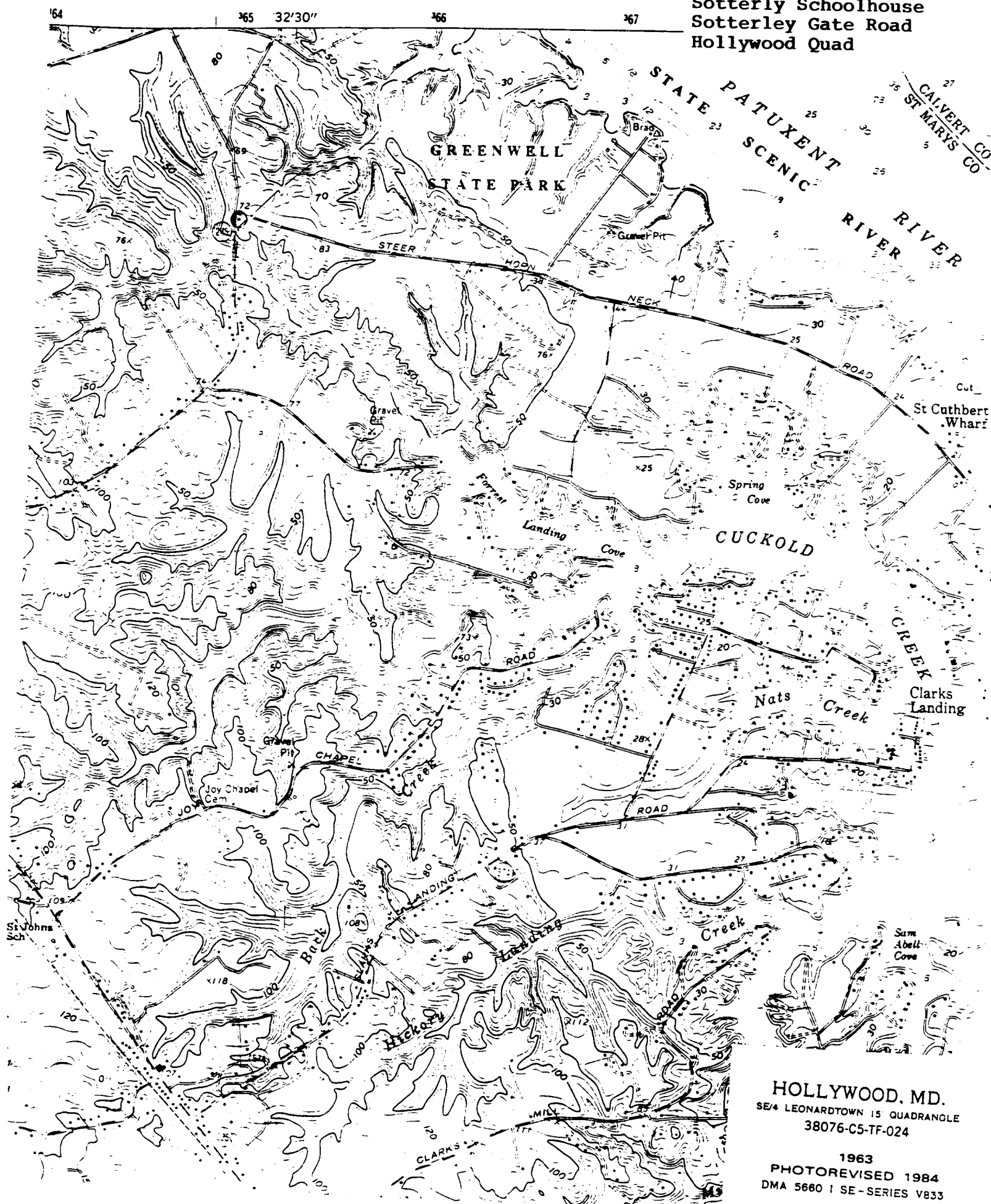
FROM: Elizabeth R. Cashner and J. Douglas Cashner

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 6, folio 291.

DATE: March 21, 1907.

NOTES: Transfer of 1 8/100s acres "for the purpose of erecting thereon a school building and using the same for the education of white children and when it ceases to be used for said purpose the said lot with the building thereon shall revert to the grantors." Price: \$25.

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7. SM-A96
Sotterly Schoolhouse
Sotterley Gate Road
Hollywood Quad



HOLLYWOOD, MD.
SE/4 LEONARDTOWN 15 QUADRANGLE
38076-C5-TF-024

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PHOTOREVISED 1984
DMA 5660 I SE-SERIES V833





